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survey released in December of 2002 in the New England Journal of Medicine, more than one-third of the doctors surveyed, now these are doctors themselves and they stated in that survey that either they or members of their family had experienced medical errors and most of them were serious. So one-third of the doctors who replied also acknowledged that they personally, or members of their families, had experienced these medical errors. Again, I'm not saying this to put down the medical profession, because I have a lot of respect for them. But errors...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...are made and in those errors, that's a part of the reason that Senator Pederson said the costs are rising for medical malpractice. It's not the only reason, but that there are reasons and there are errors that are being made. I can relate in my own case where I was diagnosed with cancer. The cancer was removed. It was skin cancer. The doctor who took that cancer off didn't get it all. I can understand that. That wasn't a mistake. That wasn't necessarily a problem. But the doctor neglected to mark the tissue that was removed, neglected to determine where it was located on my skin, and when the biopsy came back that it was cancerous and they needed, because it was still on the edge of the tissue that was removed, they needed to make sure they got it all so they had to go back and do a second operation.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members, could I ask Senator Pederson a question?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Pederson, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I would be glad to.